

AUDIT, STANDARDS and GOVERNANCE COMMITTEE
2nd FEBRUARY 2022

RECOMMENDATIONS TO THE COUNCIL – 23rd FEBRUARY 2022

**DECISION TO OPT INTO THE NATIONAL SCHEME FOR AUDITOR
APPOINTMENTS MANAGED BY PSSA AS THE ‘APPOINTING PERSON’**

At the meeting of the Audit, Standards and Governance Committee on 2nd February 2022, Members considered a report on the ‘Decision to opt into the National Scheme for Auditor Appointments managed by PSSA as the ‘Appointing Person’

The current auditor appointment arrangements cover the period up to and including the audit of the 2022/23 accounts. The Council opted into the ‘appointing person’ national auditor appointment arrangements established by Public Sector Audit Appointments (PSAA) for the period covering the accounts for 2018/19 to 2022/23.

PSAA is now undertaking a procurement for the next appointing period, covering audits for 2023/24 to 2027/28.

The Council has the option of arranging its own procurement and to make the appointment itself, or it has the option of running a joint procurement in conjunction with other bodies, or the Council can join and take advantage of the national collective scheme administered by PSAA, as detailed in the full report at **Appendix A**.

As a result of the discussions had by the Audit, Standards and Governance Committee Members, at the meeting on 2nd February 2022;

It is therefore **RECOMMENDED** that Council: -

- a) accepts Public Sector Audit Appointments’ invitation to opt into the sector-led option for the appointment of external auditors to principal local government and police bodies for a procurement period of five financial years from 1 April 2023 (that is to say from 2023/24 to 2027/28).